



# UNDERSTANDING THE THREAT OF RADICALISATION

The threat of terrorism remains high, and the spread of radical and extremist ideologies online continues to fuel self-radicalisation. The recent reports on the self-radicalised individuals detected in Singapore indicate that the threat has not gone away. Heavily influenced by online extremist content, such individuals may act and carry out violent attacks against specific institutions, people, or groups, using easily available objects and weapons. Members of the public must remain vigilant and seek early assistance from the authorities if they suspect that someone is radicalised. Read on to learn more about these cases and how you can better identify tell-tale signs of a radicalised person.

## DETENTION OF SELF-RADICALISED SINGAPOREAN TEACHER



A 38-year-old teacher with the Ministry of Education, was detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA) in November 2022. He was self-radicalised and ready to travel to Gaza, Palestine under the guise of humanitarian aid to join HAMAS and its military wing in armed combat against the Israel Defence Forces (IDF). He was willing to abide by any instructions given by HAMAS, including armed combat, kidnapping, and even executing Prisoners of War.



## DETENTION OF SINGAPOREAN YOUTH

An 18-year-old post-secondary student was detained in December 2022 under the Internal Security Act (ISA). He was self-radicalised by online propaganda by the terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and had made plans and preparations to undertake armed violence in Singapore and overseas, in support of ISIS.

## ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST TWO SELF-RADICALISED SINGAPOREAN YOUTHS, AGED 15 AND 16

In December 2022 and January 2023, two more self-radicalised Singaporean youths, aged 15 and 16, were detained and issued with a Restriction Order (RO) under the Internal Security Act (ISA) respectively. They were both radicalised by online terrorist propaganda.

These two youths were also online contacts of the 18-year-old Singaporean youth who was detained in December 2022. While the three youths were self-radicalised separately, they became acquainted with one another as they were on the same extremist social media channel, through which they had also shared their radical views and support for terrorist groups with one another.

These cases underscore the threat of online self-radicalisation that is seen in recent years, and how the potential lone-actor plotted attacks against soft targets, using simple and easily accessible weapons.

As SGSecure reps, learn more about how you can help prevent the spread of radical ideologies and their threat to Singapore by understanding the [signs of radicalisation](#), as well as ensuring your workplace is [well-equipped to handle the threat of terrorism](#).

Anyone who knows or suspects that a person is radicalised should promptly contact the Internal Security Department Counter Terrorism hotline at **1800-2626-273** or report via the **SGSecure app**.